



CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Senator Joan Hartley, Co-Chair Public Safety & Security Committee

Representative Stephan Dargan, Co-Chair Public Safety & Security Committee

All Public Safety Committee Members

Subject: **HOUSE BILL #6378 & SENATE BILL #968**

The Connecticut State Firefighters Association wishes to go on record in support of:

Senate Bill #968, AN ACT REGULATING SPECIAL EFFECTS and

House Bill #6378 AN ACT REQUIRING AN AUTOMATIC FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEM IN ALL ONE AND TWO-FAMILY HOMES.

Our Association represents approximately 27,000 career and volunteer firefighters in the State of Connecticut.

As an Association that supports firefighters and fire safety, we are totally in agreement with Senate Bill #968 which would more closely regulate the special effects of pyrotechnics and flame producing devices.

This Association also fully supports the issue of residential sprinklers in all one & two-family homes. It has been stated that the cost of residential sprinklers is not cost effective. We would ask what is the life of a resident worth?? What is the life of a firefighter worth?? Sprinklers save firefighters lives, too.

SPRINKLERS SAVE LIVES

We thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Connecticut State Firefighters Association